

## NEWS RELEASE

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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## OVERLAND PARK WIFE SENTENCED FOR MONEY LAUNDERING

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Overland Park, Kan., woman was sentenced in federal court today for money laundering after embezzling nearly \$2 million from her employer. Her husband also has been sentenced for his role in the money laundering scheme.

**Tamie J. Gordon**, 43, of Overland Park, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole. She also was order to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,950,093.51.

On Aug. 22, 2003, both she and her husband, **Ronald E. Gordon**, 39, also of Overland Park, pleaded guilty to money laundering. **Tamie Gordon** also pleaded guilty to three counts of interstate transportation of money obtained by fraud. **Ronald Gordon** has since been sentenced to two years in federal prison without parole for his role in the money laundering scheme and was ordered to pay \$336,000 in restitution.

**Tamie Gordon** worked as a controller and office manager for Print Time, Inc., 8016 State Line Road, in Leawood, Kan., from 1992 to Feb. 11, 2003.

By pleading guilty, **Tamie Gordon** admitted that she embezzled approximately \$2 million from Print Time, Inc., between January 1996 and Feb. 10, 2003. **Tamie Gordon** embezzled funds from Print Time by writing checks, drawn on the company's operating account, which were deposited into the **Gordons'** joint accounts at Bank of America in Kansas City, Mo.

**Tamie Gordon** also made unauthorized wire transfers from the company's operating account to the co-defendants' joint checking and savings accounts at Bank of America, Graves said.

By pleading guilty, **Ronald Gordon** admitted that he wrote a \$24,125 check to TAK Construction on Jan. 29, 2003, drawn on the couple's joint personal account, spending money

that had been embezzled by his wife from her employer. **Ronald Gordon** knew or was willfully blind to the knowledge that these funds were derived from **Tamie Gordon's** embezzlement from her employer, Graves said. **Tamie Gordon** wire transferred the funds from Print Time's account to their joint bank account, Graves said, and **Ronald Gordon** then wrote a personal check as partial payment for a house being constructed in Johnson County, Kan.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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